



1. How many children are looked-after by the local authority?
 - a. How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - b. How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

2. How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a neurodevelopmental diagnosis? Neurodevelopmental diagnoses in this case refer to diagnoses of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, ADD), autism (autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's) and chronic Tics or Tourette's (Tourette syndrome, Tic disorder).
 - a. How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - b. How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

As at 02/04/2025, 649 Children Looked After

- a. 492
- b. 10

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/ukxi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case

We cannot reliably/accurately answer these questions due to the way the information is recorded. There are 148 children with a recorded disability; to answer these questions we would have to review individually every record and with an estimated 10 minutes per record this would take over 24 hours.

3. How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, ADD)?
 - a. How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - b. How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Please see response at Q2

4. How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of autism (autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's)?
 - a. How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - b. How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Please see response at Q2

5. How many children that are looked-after by the local authority have a diagnosis of chronic Tics or Tourette's (Tourette syndrome, Tic disorder)?
 - a. How many of these children are looked-after as a result of or because they were at risk of abuse or neglect?
 - b. How many of these children are looked-after due to the parent's disability or illness?

Please see response at Q2

6. Has the designated health professional/clinical commissioning group ever reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with a diagnosis of:

- a. ADHD?
- b. Autism?
- c. Tic disorder/ Tourette syndrome?

This is currently not been reported to Corporate Parenting Board.

7. Has the virtual school head ever reported to the corporate parenting board on the numbers and needs of looked-after children with an ADHD diagnosis?

- a. ADHD?
- b. Autism?
- c. Tic disorder/ Tourette syndrome?

We cannot reliably/accurately answer these questions due to the way the information is recorded. Virtual School Team reported on the SEND status for looked after children for 2023-2024 and this is recorded by SEN Support Primary Need and EHCP Primary Need rather than by diagnosis.